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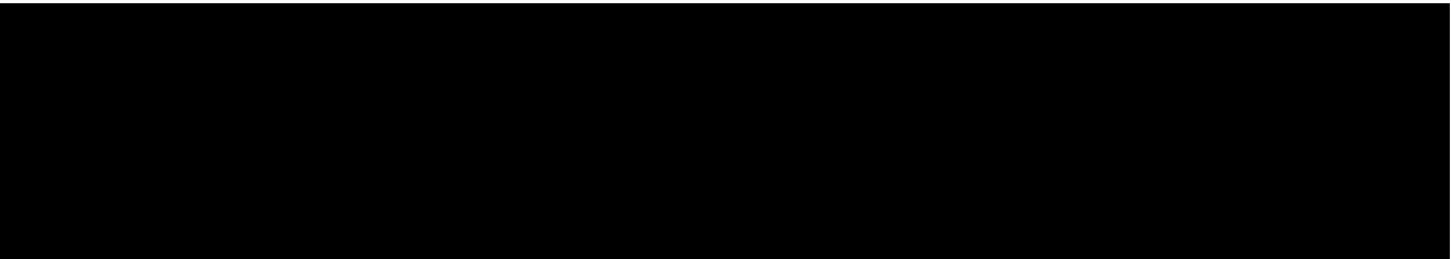
From: Watson, Jim (Mayor/Maire)
Sent: February 03, 2022 6:54 PM
To: =City Council; =City Councillors Assistants
Cc: Kanellakos, Steve; Box, Steve; Ayotte, Kim; O'Connor, M. Rick; White, David; Sloly, Peter (Police)
Subject: Update on our demonstration efforts

Dear Council colleagues,

I wanted to provide you with a quick update on the engagement I have had with our federal and provincial partners this week, as well as other stakeholders, regarding the occupation of our downtown core by the convoy.

As you know, I had a productive discussion with Prime Minister Trudeau on Monday. He assured me that the federal government would be there to provide resources and support the efforts of our OPS officers on the ground. This aligns with similar discussions that Chief Sloly has had with RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki, who has so far supplemented the federal authority's presence as requested.

I have also had constructive discussions with provincial Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, as well as the federal President of the Treasury Board Mona Fortier, regarding supports for our businesses and employees whose livelihoods are being severely impacted each and every day that this occupation continues. They have both been receptive to my plea and their teams are actively assessing what can be done to help.



In the last hour, I had a very good discussion with federal Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino, where I reiterated our City's call for additional resources to support our officers responding to this demonstration on the ground. He assured me that our request for assistance was being given the highest consideration by Commissioner Lucki, and he offered his ongoing support until we see an end to the occupation.

A number of colleagues have suggested to me, and I have agreed, that a Special Council meeting be called to discuss the impact of the truck convoy demonstration on our residents and businesses. The Clerk will be issuing a Notice of Special meeting before the weekend for the meeting to be held at 1pm on Monday, February 7. As the situation remains fluid, times are subject to change based on the availability of officials.

I trust this information is helpful. I will aim to keep you apprised of our other engagement efforts as they evolve in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Jim Watson
Mayor

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From: Watson, Jim (Mayor/Maire)
Sent: February 11, 2022 11:56 AM
To: 'justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca'
Cc: 'marco.mendicino@parl.gc.ca'
Subject: Letter from Mayor Watson to Prime Minister Trudeau RE Parliamentary Precinct
Attachments: Mayor Watson Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau RE Parliamentary Precinct.pdf

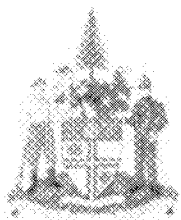
Good morning Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please find attached a letter from Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson regarding the Parliamentary Precinct.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Poirier

Communications Officer / Agent des communications
Office of Mayor Jim Watson / Bureau du maire Jim Watson
City of Ottawa / Ville d'Ottawa



Jim Watson
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February 10, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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By e-mail

Re: Parliamentary Precinct

On behalf of Ottawa City Council, I am writing to formally petition the Government of Canada to assume responsibility for public safety and security within the Parliamentary Precinct and to commit to an immediate and significant increased level of support to the Ottawa Police, as the police force of jurisdiction, in the adjoining areas, subject to the resolution of any jurisdictional discussions between the Ottawa Police Service and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Ottawa City Council considered and approved the following Motion at the City Council meeting of February 7, 2022:

MOTION

Moved by Councillor C. McKenney
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleury

WHEREAS since on or about Friday, January 28, 2022, hundreds of vehicles and hundreds to thousands of individuals at any given time have illegally occupied the downtown core; and

WHEREAS this illegal occupation poses an ongoing serious and immediate threat to public safety, the safety of all Ottawa residents, in particular those residing in the abutting downtown neighbourhoods as well as the operation of business and services in the downtown core; and

WHEREAS the illegal occupation shows no signs of ending; and

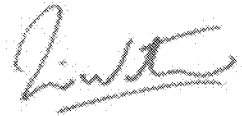
WHEREAS the Ottawa Police Service does not have sufficient resources and capability to manage the occupation in the area of the Parliamentary Precinct

while also providing adequate police services to ensure the safety of those residents living in the surrounding dense residential areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Ottawa formally petition the Government of Canada to assume responsibility for public safety and security within the Parliamentary Precinct and to commit to an immediate and significant increased level of support (officers, resources, materials and equipment) to the Ottawa Police, as the police force of jurisdiction, in the adjoining areas, subject to the resolution of any jurisdictional discussions between the Ottawa Police Service and the RCMP.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim Watson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Watson
Mayor
City of Ottawa

Cc. The Right Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety

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From: Watson, Jim (Mayor/Maire)
Sent: February 10, 2022 2:34 PM
To: Armbruster, James
Cc: Arpin, Serge
Subject: FW: Letter from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
Attachments: 132-2022-480_SG Reply.pdf

A letter from the Solicitor General Sylvia Jones re Convoy

From: SOLGEN Correspondence <SOLGEN.Correspondence@ontario.ca>
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Please see attached letter from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General. The text of the response also appears below. Thank you.

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By email

February 10, 2022

His Worship Jim Watson
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Dianne Deans
Councillor, City of Ottawa, Gloucester-Southgate Ward
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Dear Mayor Watson and Councillor Deans:

Thank you for your letter, also addressed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, requesting additional officers to support the Ottawa Police Service.

Public safety is a top priority for this government. The Ministry of the Solicitor General is committed to working with our policing and community partners to provide them with the resources and tools they need to keep Ontario's communities safe and resilient.

The right to peacefully protest is core to our Canadian identity - peaceful protests are a cornerstone of a healthy democracy. However, criminal behaviour is never tolerated, and hatred or intolerance must be condemned by all. We are disturbed to see some individuals desecrate treasured monuments, damage property and display symbols of hate and intolerance. That has no place in Ontario or Canada. Not now. Not ever.

We have been encouraging all those participating in the Ottawa protests to govern their actions in a way to ensure they are peaceful and respectful to the community and to those charged with keeping the peace.

Regarding the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Police Services Board's request for significant additional operational resources, please note that I have shared your correspondence with Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Thomas Carrique. Commissioner Thomas Carrique and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Brenda Lucki will continue to liaise with Chief Peter Sloly, Ottawa Police Service, to determine how policing partners can provide support based on available policing resources and the operational plan proposed by the Ottawa Police Service.

Thank you again for taking the time to write, and please be assured that the Ministry of the Solicitor General is committed to supporting our policing partners.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

c: The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Thomas Carrique

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If you have any accommodation needs or require communication supports or alternate formats, please let us know.

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Sylvia Jones
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c: The Honourable Doug Ford
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Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Thomas Carrique

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Sent: February 07, 2022 2:26 PM
To: =City Councillors
Cc: Kanellakos, Steve; Sloly, Peter (Police); Ayotte, Kim; O'Connor, M. Rick; White, David; Box, Steve; =City Councillors Assistants
Subject: Letters to Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford
Attachments: Ltr to PM Trudeau and Minister Mendicino RE Enforcement Resources Request- Feb 7 2022.pdf; Ltr to Prem Ford and Min Jones RE Enforcement Resources Request - Feb 7 2022.pdf

Good afternoon Councillors,

Please find attached the letters sent to Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford requesting additional enforcement resources.

Regards,

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February 7, 2022

The Hon. Marco Mendicino
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Prime Minister and Minister Mendicino,

As you know, the City of Ottawa is facing unprecedented, unlawful demonstrations that are threatening the safety of the Ottawa community and our federal parliamentary institutions. The Ottawa Police Service has been doing everything in its power to bring this demonstration to a safe and peaceful end as quickly and safely as possible.

What was initially described as a peaceful protest has now turned into a siege of our downtown area. As of today, there are currently between 400 and 500 trucks occupying Ottawa's downtown core. The City's by-law officers have issued over 1000 tickets and remain vigilant in enforcement activities. Ottawa City Council is holding a special meeting to consider several motions to address this unprecedented situation.

At first, this was labeled as a protest against the public health policies that democratically elected governments at the provincial and federal levels have enacted to protect us from the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

But sadly, the demonstration has turned into an aggressive and hateful occupation of our neighbourhoods, which has nothing to do with the truckers' quarrel against vaccine mandates enacted by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and municipal governments.

Let's not forget the words and symbols of hatred that we have witnessed throughout this occupation: Confederate flags, Nazi flags, racial and homophobic harassment towards our own residents – in a city that rightfully prides itself on being caring and compassionate.



These acts and the occupation are having damaging and long-term impacts on the well-being of our residents.

People are living in fear and are terrified – and they've now been subjected to the non-stop honking of large trucks for nine days, which is tantamount to psychological warfare.

Although we are grateful for and have started to welcome the additional officers on loan to the City from the RCMP, the OPP and other forces, we need a dramatic and immediate injection of additional officers.

Given the scope and scale of the armada of large trucks that are now occupying our downtown core, we are writing to you today to ask that you work to help the City secure 1800 officers to quell the insurrection that the Ottawa Police Service is not able to contain.

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We ask the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to work with us to secure this combined officer surge from the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and municipal police forces willing to participate from Ontario and other provinces.

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We need your help to end this siege in the heart of our nation's capital and in our residential neighbourhoods, and to regain control of our city.

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